

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the objection to the drawings is hereby requested. Figure 1 has been amended to include numerical designation "5". Figure 4 has been amended to clarify numerical designation "50". Replacement sheets are submitted herein. Therefore, reconsideration of this objection is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 14, 19, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is hereby requested. Claim 14 has been amended to include "a" before "distributor". Claim 19 has been amended to clarify the element operated by the "operating fluid", support for which is found in the Specification at paragraph 48 of the marked-up copy and paragraph 47 of the clean copy. Therefore, reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 19, 21 and 22 are allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112 rejection and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and Claims 3, 5, 17 and 18 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 3, 5 and 19 have been so rewritten and are considered to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 2, 4, 6-13, 15-16, 20 and 24 have been amended to change their dependencies.

Claims 2, 4, 6-18, 20-22 and 24-26 depend from one of the allowable independent claims and are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as their respective allowable claim and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Claims 3-22 and 24-26 and the application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and

shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (677/43973).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Krinsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "K" at the end.

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Enclosures: Amendments to the Claims and Drawings

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING:

Please enter Figures 1-5 as Replacement Sheets.

Fig. 1 has been amended to add numerical designations "5" and "33"; move numerical designation "50" and "3"

Fig. 4 has been amended to clarify numerical designation "50"